

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

August 21, 2012

Minutes

Present: Members; Mary Braney, Chair, Paul McLaughlin, Vice Chair; Nancy Herholz, Robbin Joyce, Mike Malone, Tom Parker, Chris Bowen, Bill Wall, Julie Parenteau (7:20p.m.); *Ex Officio* Peter Adams, Town Moderator & Adam Gaudette, Town Administrator.

Guests: John LaFleche, BPRVHS Superintendent, Bob Zukowski, SWCRVSD Building Committee Chairperson & Ken Wheeler, SWCRVSD Assistant Treasurer.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. Motion made by Mike Malone and 2nd by Tom Parker to accept June 28, 2012 minutes as written. Unanimously approved.
3. Correspondence
Mary Braney distributed a copy of the *Municipal Advocate*; *Mass Municipal Directory*; *Guide to sound Fiscal Management*; Copies of a letter from Richard A. Manely, Jr (of Edwards Wildman Palmer LLP) to John A. LaFleche, BPRVHS Superintendent, regarding the ongoing school building process at Bay Path.
4. Committee reorganization for FY2013

Election of Officers

- a. Motion made by Tom Parker to nominate Mary Braney as Chairperson; Second by Chris Bowen; Mary accepted; Unanimously approved.
- b. Motion made by Chris Bowen to nominate Paul McLaughlin as Vice Chairperson; Second by Tom Parker; Paul accepted; Unanimously approved.
- c. Motion made by Chris Bowen to nominate Nancy Herholz as Clerk; Second by Bill Wall; Nancy accepted; Unanimously approved

Appointment/reappointment of Liaisons

- d. Capital Planning Committee: Nancy Herholz
- e. Financial Planning Committee: Tom Parker & Paul McLaughlin
- f. School Building Committee: Chris Bowen
- g. School Capital Planning Committee: To be announced
- h. SEBRSC: Julie Parenteau

5. Liaison Reports

- a. Capital Planning Committee: Nancy Herholz reported that the committee has not met.

- b. Financial Planning Committee: Paul McLaughlin reported that the committee continues with long range capital planning.
- c. School Building Committee: Chris Bowen reported that the Committee continues to review four (4) options; a 14-1 vote was taken in favor for a new school; MSBA was in favor of a new school building (only) until the cost; State requested that Committee revisit the option of doing renovations with small additions. At November, 2012 meeting, Committee must decide and present the decision to the MSBA.
- d. School Capital Planning Committee: No report.
- e. SEBRSC: No report.

6. Bay Path Renovation/Addition Update

John LaFleche, Superintendent of Bay Path distributed copies of the Bay Path building project plus additional information concerning the addition/renovation progress and process.

Mr. LaFleche explained that since all of the ten (10) towns, that are part of the District, did not approve the project, the District can decide (in accordance with Chapter 71, Section 16(n) of the General Laws, allows Bay Path to conduct a Regional District wide vote). Mr. LaFleche explained that the debt exclusion votes taken by Charlton, Spencer and Southbridge will still be effective in order to reauthorize the amount, since a debt exclusion question may be approved either before or after the authorization of a debt.

Bob Zukowski, SWCRVSD Building Committee Chairperson, also offered information with regard to the discussion of a District wide ballot and the need for the building addition/renovation.

Thursday, October 4, 2012, a Regional District wide special election will be held from 12 noon to 8:00 p.m....paid for by Bay Path; all that is needed is a simple majority from the 10 towns to approve or disapprove the project.

Discussion and questions.

7. Fall Special Town Meeting Information

Adam Gaudette discussed the topics for the upcoming Special Town Meeting, November 1, 2012; budget transfers, By-Law changes and other town business.

8. Any other business

Mary Braney noted one vacancy remains on the Finance Committee.

9. Motion made by Chris Bowen to adjourn meeting at 8:20 p.m.;
Second by Paul McLaughlin
Approved: unanimously

Next meeting September 18, 2012 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy E. Herholz